

KANA LEIMBACH



Drummer

Kana Leimbach was born in Osaka, Japan. She fell in love with drums as a teenager and when she was 20 began studying earnestly under the highly respected jazz teacher, Kawase Katsuhiko. She played in several original rock and R&B bands including a Chaka Khan tribute band called Stompin' Savoys. In 1997 she joined a metal band headed by an American guitarist who brought the group to the US where they frequented Seattle's heavy metal scene. Upon returning to Japan she met and eventually married an American from Montana. After trips between the US and Japan they decided to take up permanent residence in the US and moved to Tampa, Florida. Kana continued to play drums in a variety of styles including R&B, rock and New Orleans jazz while working with several groups in the area most notably, the all female rock band, Undercover Betty. In 2014 she was awarded the title "Favorite Rock Drummer" by the Tampa Bay Music Network. Kana brings her solid and highly creative drumming skills to Gypsy Star, joining the band in April 2017.

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